

Sinclair Broadcasting's decision to force their stations to air an anti-Kerry documentary days before the election, is a clear example of the severe dangers of media consolidation.

Sinclair uses the public airwaves free of charge, and is obligated by law to serve the public interest. But when large companies control the airwaves, we get more of what's good for the bottom line and less of what we need for our democracy. Instead of being lied to and presented something as news that is produced at "News Central" far away, it's more important that we see real people from our own communities and more substantive news about issues that matter.

I do not feel satisfied with Sinclair's community performance.

Sinclair's actions show why we need to strengthen media ownership rules, not weaken them. It shows why we need to return to the Fairness Doctrine and not allow corporations to control the public airwaves. The actions show why the license renewal process needs to involve more than a returned postcard.

I do not currently feel 'well served' by the FCC. I am much more concerned about the corruption of a national election by criminal actions of a media monopoly than Janet Jackson's breast or Howard Stern's profanity. Priorities!!

Thank you.